



Leesville Road High School Junior Planning Guide Class of 2024



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The School counselors are here to support you in the following areas: Academics, Personal-Social, and Post-Secondary Planning.

The best way to see your counselor is to send them an email requesting an appointment.

If you have a quick question, please feel free to stop by before school, during lunch or after school. If you are experiencing a crisis, a counselor will see you without an appointment.

Early Release/Late Arrival for Senior Year

- You may request up to two periods off at the beginning or end of the school day for work, internship, and/or other approved opportunities such as CCP.
- You must submit a form after your class registration meeting with your counselor and before the end of the school year.
- Approval is based on course availability and remaining credits needed.
- Dropping courses may impact college admissions’ decisions.

ADMISSIONS TESTING

ACT-All juniors will take the ACT here at school on March 21. There is no cost or sign-up process.

SAT-Register to take the SAT at this link:
<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Wake Tech’s CCP

- Take community college courses tuition-free
 - Online and hybrid courses available
- Summer courses also available
- bit.ly/WakeTechCCP

Promotion Requirements

Promotion to Grade 12:

Minimum of 18 credits: Three credits must be English I, English II and English III, and enrollment in remaining courses required to graduate.

Graduation Requirements

	Units	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III, and IV
Mathematics	4	Math 1; Math 2; Math 3; and fourth math course based on student’s post-high school plans
Science	3	Earth Science or AP Environmental Science; Biology; and either Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics
Social Studies	4	World History; Civic Literacy or AP Government; American History or APUSH; Economics & Personal Finance
Health & PE	1	Healthful Living
Additional Credits	10	Must have 2 credits in a language to meet requirements for UNC System
Total	26	MINIMUM required to graduate

To earn Latin Honors at Graduation:

- Summa Cum Laude: 4.25 weighted GPA or higher
- Magna Cum Laude: 4.00 to 4.249 weighted GPA
- Cum Laude: 3.75 to 3.99 weighted GPA
- This is based on your GPA at the end of 1st semester of your Senior

Mid-Year Graduation is an Option

- **Must meet with your counselor to discuss graduation requirements and post-grad plans.**

NCAA Eligibility Center

To be certified eligible to play Div. I or Div. II athletics in college, register at the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center online at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.

Career Planning? Interest in the Military?

- ✓ Research the different military branches.
- ✓ Meet with a branch recruiter along with a parent or guardian
- ✓ Take the ASVAB
- ✓ Check out the LRHS Career Website <http://leesvillecareercenter.weebly.com/>
- ✓ Contact our Career Development Coordinator, Ms. Canada.
- ✓ Her email is gcanada@wpcss.net. She is in room 102 near the cafeteria.
- ✓ Consider taking the Internship Class your senior year to gain some "real world" experience. Ms. Canada can assist you.

11th grade Planning Timeline

<https://bit.ly/3V2z7uT>



Community College is an Excellent Option!!!

- ✓ Open Enrollment- All students are accepted.
- ✓ Helps Financially
- ✓ Not yet sure about college path
- ✓ Need to improve grades
- ✓ Not ready to live independently
- ✓ Other options besides college transfer-Earn a 2-year degree in many in demand jobs, such as IT, Health Care, HVAC, Electricians, Plumbing.
- ✓ Wake Tech is the largest Community College in NC.

Grade Point Average (GPA): Your GPA is the sum of all the quality points earned divided by the total number of attempted credits.

Standard	Honors	AP or CCP**
A = 4 Pts	A = 4.5 Pts	A = 5 Pts
B = 3 Pts	B = 3.5 Pts	B = 4 Pts
C = 2 Pts	C = 2.5 Pts	C = 3 Pts
D = 1 Pt	D = 1.5 Pts	D = 2 Pts
F = 0 Pts	F = 0 Pts	F = 0 Pts

** Only college transfer courses

College Eligibility: The **Minimum Course Requirements (MCR)** for the University of North Carolina System of Higher Education determine your eligibility to apply. Completing these courses means you have satisfied the minimum requirements needed to be *eligible to apply* to a public university in North Carolina. The requirements are:

A minimum weighted GPA of 2.5 – or – minimum of 19 on the ACT OR 1010 (combined Verbal and Math) on the SAT

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math (Math 1, 2, 3 and one credit beyond Math 3)

4 credits of Social Studies (World History; Civic Literacy; American History or APUSH; Economics & Personal Finance)

3 credits of Science [Earth Science; Biology; Physical Science (Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics)]

2 consecutive credits of the same foreign language

******It is also strongly recommended by colleges that you take a math course during your senior year of high school.**

Students are also encouraged to take more than just two years of a foreign language when considering more competitive colleges/universities.

Useful Websites for College Planning

The College Foundation of North Carolina www.CFNC.org

This excellent website **helps you plan for college, apply to college and learn how to pay for college.** Includes specific information on all colleges and universities in NC, including community colleges; career information; high school course planner and scholarship information. Students can use CFNC to apply to NC schools, send transcripts, and much more.

The Common Application – Apply to most of your colleges in one place! Juniors can create their profile, but DO NOT begin applying to school until after August 1.

<https://www.commonapp.org/plan/your-path-to-college/11th-grade>

The Essay Prompts for the Common App are usually posted in the Spring, but they barely change from year to year.

<https://www.commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts>

LRHS Student Services College Planning Site:

<http://leesvillestudentservices.weebly.com/college.html> This site has informatoin on everything related to college planning.

EARLY DECISION	EARLY ACTION
Binding: must withdraw all other applications if admitted to attend that school	Non-binding: must commit or decline typically by May 1
Can apply only for Early Action and Regular Deadline at other schools	No restrictions on applying to other schools for Early Action and Regular Deadline
Due usually between Oct 15 - Nov 1; notified by Dec 1-Jan 1	Due usually between Oct 15 - Nov 1; notified by Dec 1-Jan 1
Early Decision II is offered by some schools; similar rules but later application	A great way to take the pressure off! Beneficial for financial aid candidates!

What Colleges Consider

- Challenging course selection
- Course grades
- Standardized test scores
- Strong application
 - Personal statement
 - Supplement essays
 - Recommendations
- Extracurricular activities
 - Sports & Clubs
 - Work, internships, etc.
- Community service

What you Should Consider

- Your intended major
- Average GPA & test scores of admitted students
- Cost
- Type/size
- Location/geography
- Campus life
- Academic & professional opportunities (study abroad, internships, job placement etc.)